GSCCC Stakeholder Meeting Highlights October 29, 2015

Forty attended the meeting, which was held at DES offices in Concord.

This meeting featured two presenters: Tom Weber of Student Transportation of America, and Charles Myers of the Massachusetts Hydrogen Coalition. Tom brought a propane school bus for display in the parking lot in front of DES Offices. Palmer Gas and PGANE also displayed their propane vehicles.

Tom brought with him Greg Stinson and Sandra Rowe, both of Student Transportation of America. Greg began the presentation with an overview of STA (which is contracted by ConVal School district to transport students) and continued with a discussion on the benefits of propane buses. Tom talked at length about working with the school board to acquire of 44 new propane school buses. The school district is already saving thousands of dollars in fuel costs (propane vs. diesel).

After a brief break, Charlie Myers discussed hydrogen vehicles currently available, and what will soon be available on the east coast. Toyota, Honda and Hyundai recently launched models of cars powered by hydrogen. Charlie discussed current fueling options in New England and the industry's plans for the future.

After the presentations, Dolores Rebolledo, GSCCC coordinator, provided an update on events and funding opportunities to the group. Attendees visited the propane vehicle display after the meeting.